[Supporting California Senate Bill 277 (Pan) - Repealing the Personal Belief Exemption for Vaccines]

Resolution supporting California Senate Bill 277, introduced by Senator Pan, repealing the personal belief exemption for vaccines.

WHEREAS, Proper vaccinations have led to the elimination or near elimination of diseases, including smallpox, measles and chicken pox; and

WHEREAS, Ensuring proper vaccinations leads to herd immunity, which means that if a majority of people in a community are vaccinated, then someone who can't be vaccinated is less likely to get sick; and

WHEREAS, Scientific consensus is widely supportive of the importance and safety of vaccines and studies stating otherwise have been scientifically discredited; and

WHEREAS, In 1978, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention set a goal to eliminate measles by 1982 and though this goal was not met, the use of the measles vaccine reduced the number of measles cases by 80% in that time period; and

WHEREAS, Due to a sustained vaccination program, Measles was declared eliminated from the United States in 2000, which means it is no longer native to the United States, though it can be brought in and spread by international travelers; and

WHEREAS, Under current California law, all children must be vaccinated for many diseases, including measles, with exemptions granted for medical reasons, religious beliefs, and personal beliefs; and

WHEREAS, California is one of only 19 states to grant exemptions based on personal belief; and

WHEREAS, From 2000 to 2014, the rate of California parents requesting personal belief exemptions from vaccinations tripled to one in every 40 kids; and

WHEREAS, In December 2014, according to the Center for Disease Control, California began experiencing a large outbreak of measles when at least 40 people who visited or worked at Disneyland contracted measles; and

WHEREAS, Measles infections have risen to infect at least 123 Californians in 12 counties; and

WHEREAS, State Senator Richard Pan, along with co-authors Senator Ben Allen and Assemblymember Lorena Gonzalez, introduced SB 277, which will require that only children who have been immunized for specific diseases, including measles, be admitted to school in California; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco strongly supports Senate Bill 277 repealing the personal belief exemption for vaccines; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco is in support of achieving and maintaining high vaccination levels for all children, unless they have medical reasons not to be vaccinated.



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Aves: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Christensen, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 3/3/2015 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Clerk of the Board

Unsigned Mayor

3/13/15

Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Date: 3/13/15